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Gov. Crist Backs *Ethical* Stem Cell Research



(Tallahassee) January 31, 2007 - Governor Charlie Crist today announced that he supports state funding of ethical stem cell research that does not destroy human life. The governor proposed spending \$20 million on grants for research that uses adult stem cells and cells obtained from umbilical cord blood and amniotic fluid.

" I could not be more pleased with the Governor's principled leadership on this issue." said John Stemberger, President of the Florida Family Policy Council. "Stem cell research can be done ethically without the destruction of a living human embryo and the Governor should be praised for his stand which both advances medical research and protects the sanctity of life." "Further, he has also keep the promise he made during his campaign when he stated he would support stem cell research which does not destroy life."

Governor Crist's proposal is consistent with the legislation proposed by Rep. Anitere Flores earlier this week that also proposes advancing Stem Cell Research without the taking of human life.

All who value life should support a position of advancing medical research to find cures and treatments for those who are suffering from terrible diseases. That commitment to finding medical breakthroughs should be coupled with an equal commitment to medical ethics and a respect for all human life.

Finding cures through Stem Cell Research is not a choice between science and ethics. Tremendous advances are taking place now through ethic, life-affirming stem cell research that utilizes adult stem cells. New major developments have also been announced recently with stems cells found in umbilical cord blood and amniotic fluid.

To learn more about this issue and the difference between ethical and unethical stem cell research check out our policy issues page at: <http://www.flfamily.org/policy.php?polid=32&polname=Cloning%20and%20Stem%20Cell%20Research>

National CBS News Story on this Announcement:

<http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/2007/01/31/ap/tech/mainD8NOBA780.shtml>

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